



## Minutes of Mirfield Town Council Meeting

**Held on:** Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at 7.30pm

**Held at:** St Mary's Community Centre, Church Lane, Mirfield

**Councillors Present:**

M Ibberson, V Lees-Hamilton, J Hirst, J Nottingham, K Taylor, S Benson, P Tolson, D Pinder, S Guy

**In Attendance:**

Clerk: Lisa Staggs  
Public: C Sykes, M Milnes, R Hammond  
Press: None

**MTC211/2017 Chairman's Welcome and Remarks:**

Cllr Ibberson welcomed Cllrs and members of the public.

**MTC212/2017 Public Question Time:**

None

**MTC213/2017 Apologies For Absence**

Councillors to send apologies and reasons for absence to the clerk or chairman for approval

**Cllrs:** M Burton, A Burton, C Walker, K Sibbald, J Taylor, M Bolt, P Blakeley

**MTC214/2017 Declaration of Interest**

Councillors to declare an interest, if applicable to any item on the agenda including any pecuniary interests whether they have been declared under the Council's Code of Conduct or Members Register of Pecuniary Interests.

Cllr Guy declared a personal interest MTC216(1) member RBL

Cllr Tolson declared a personal interest MTC217(4) member Mirfield Team Parish

Cllr Benson declared a pecuniary interest MTC219(3) & personal interest Project Mirfield MTC219(3)

Cllr Taylor declared a pecuniary interest Heavy Woollen Planning

**MTC215/2017 Confirmation of Minutes**

To approve minutes of the ordinary meeting of 6<sup>th</sup> February 2018 as a true and correct record including payments of **Nil**. Cllr Guy **Proposed** the minutes were a true and correct record Cllr Nottingham **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

**Cllr Ibberson Proposed to suspend standing orders and bring forward**

MTC216/2017

**MTC218(1) & MTC220(1) Cllr Guy Seconded Vote: All in favour  
Matters Arising From The Minutes:**

To receive information on the following ongoing issues and decide further action where necessary.

1. To receive an update from Clerk on Mirfield Memorial Park & decide and agree any action necessary – An email from Kirklees was circulated prior to the meeting. Clerk updates Cllrs on the current position with Kirklees regarding Fields In Trust. Cllrs discuss the issue with Ramsdens, not acting on our original instructions. Cllr Taylor with amendments from Cllr Pinder **Proposed** MTC writes to the Senior Partner at Ramsdens and copies in Tim Gregory, expressing that MTC are concerned that their original question has still not been answered. MTC represent the residents of Mirfield and are acting on their behalf and as such needs the original question answering. MTC would like a meeting with the Senior partner at the local office to discuss this issue in more detail Cllr Lees-Hamilton  
**Seconded Vote: All in favour**
2. To receive an update from the Flood Prevention meeting and agree any action necessary – No update.
3. To receive an account of the Neighbourhood Planning Network Event – Cllr Pinder reports that the event was very factual, but the speaker was not optimistic about the process. Several of the groups had already given up and statistically nationwide this is the case. He reports that he was given contacts if obstacles occur. He states that Parish & Town councils have more information on numbers of smaller developments & small builders within their wards than the main councils.
4. To receive an update on Defibrillator Hopton Ward – Clerk confirms that she has the defibrillator with her. Cllr Guy confirms that the contractor is ready to install free of charge. Cllr Guy to contact YAS to confirm registration of St Mary’s defibrillator and arrange a training session for users of the centre.
5. To discuss the removal of items from Council Offices and agree any action necessary – Cllr Lees-Hamilton & Clerk to liaise to arrange collection of items and distribution.

MTC217/2017

**Finance:**

To approve the following accounts for payment:

<b>FEBRUARY</b>		
<b>Payee</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Clerk L Staggs	February Salary	£ 739.46
HMRC	February PAYE	£ 196.15
Clerk L Staggs	Home Working Allowance	£ 18.00
St Marys	February Room Hire	£ 42.00
Just Gardens	February Maintenance	£ 40.00
Yorkshire	1 <sup>st</sup> Audit	£ 315.00
Internal Audit		
Excel Print	Christmas Banners	£ 243.00
Wel Medical	Defib Hopton Ward	£ 1627.50
First Impressions	Hanging Baskets	£ 1716.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£ 4937.11</b>

Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Proposed** items 1-9 payment en block Cllr Pinder

**Seconded Vote: All in favour**

10. To receive a bank reconciliation to 31/01/18 – **Noted**

11. To receive a spend/income comparison with the adopted budget - **Noted**

**MTC218/2017**

**Grant Applications:**

1. To consider grant applications submitted: **Trinity Methodist Church – Chairs**. Chris Sykes and Roger Hammond are present. Grant application and supporting documents received and circulated by email prior to the meeting. Chris explains that the current chairs are 30-34 years old and in a bad condition and very heavy for the older members of the congregation to move about. She confirms that fundraising has been carried out and that the shortfall is £2189.60. Cllr Guy commended Chris and members of Trinity Methodist on their fundraising and **Proposed** MTC awards the grant of £2189.60 Cllr Benson **Seconded Vote: All in favour**. Cllr Ibberson presents Chris Sykes with a cheque. Chris confirms that any of the chairs in a reasonable state will be donated to the Fire Station.

2. To receive updates from previously approved grants: **None**

**MTC219/2017**

**Planning**

1. To consider planning applications received from Kirklees Council.

2018/90144 – Noted

2018/90364 – Noted

2018/90395 – Noted

2018/90419 – Noted

2018/90398 – Noted

2018/90316 – Noted

2018/90515 – Noted

2018/90535 47 Park Drive – Cllr Lees-Hamilton reports that she has spoken with the resident whose daughter suffers from Osteomyelitis and needs specialist equipment, which due to space cannot be kept in the house. The application is for an outbuilding to house the equipment which is needed for his daughter every day. Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Proposed** MTC supports the application on the medical grounds of the resident's daughter Cllr Pinder **Seconded Vote: 8 in favour Cllr Taylor Abstained**

2. To consider planning decision notifications from Kirklees Council:  
**No Comments/Noted**

3. To consider potential controversial applications:

**2017/93935 Erection of 61 dwellings with associated access, drainage, open space & landscaping Land off Woodward Court –**

Having declared a Pecuniary Interest Cllr Benson left the room (8.27pm).

Cllr Lees-Hamilton reports that the application would be in breach of NPPF64 as this would disadvantage the existing properties as they would be too close to the existing boundary wall, which would not enable the residents to maintain the boundary wall. Cllr Guy **Proposed** MTC objects that the application does not conform to NPPF64 and is of detriment to existing residents, if or when this goes ahead MTC demands a 5m maintenance strip between the existing properties and the new build. MTC also objects to the application on the basis of BE12 with regards to the existing neighbouring dwellings. If or when an application goes live MTC to look at retaining a planning consultant to advise on NPPF64 and other planning matters, subject to this not duplicating consultants appointed & retained by other community/action groups Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Seconded**

**Vote: All in favour** Cllrs to source planning consultants and bring recommendations to the next meeting.

Cllr Pinder notes he has observed that many smaller developments are now amending initial applications or varying conditions and this is impacting on TPO's.

**8.42pm Cllr Benson returns**

**2017/94124 Land at Dunbottle Lane Outline application erection 60 dwellings** – Cllr Benson reports that his investigations show that ground investigations at Dunbottle Lane carried out in the 70's were only 4m deep. Cllr Benson **Proposed** MTC express reservations to Kirklees regarding ground investigations and ask for confirmation if further investigations have or will be carried out Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

**MTC220/2017**

### **Community**

To receive an update/discuss/note on the following items:

1. To receive an update from Mirfield Arts Festival discuss and agree any action necessary – Mark Milnes is present as newly appointed Chair of Mirfield Arts Festival. Mark updates Cllrs on his ideas for this years Arts Festival, stating that it will be similar to previous years with the parade and performance artists and workshops. He confirms that the Arts Festival will be hoping for a grant from MTC towards costs. Cllr Pinder states that MTC prefer to allocate an amount to specific items rather than towards the general costs. Clerk confirms the previous amounts and confirms that she will email details of the previous year's grant to Mark. Cllr Pinder reports that Patrick Stewart is still supporting the library fund with sales of his memorabilia.

Chris Sykes asks MTC for permission to move the notice board from Station Road to outside the Co-op. Ward Cllrs confirm that she needs to speak to Kirklees as the district committee provided the notice board originally.

**7.58pm Public leaves**

**Cllr Ibberson Proposed to reinstate standing orders Cllr Pinder Seconded Vote: All in favour**

2. To discuss General Data Protection Regulation support from Kirklees – An email had been circulated prior to the meeting by the Clerk from Denby Dale Parish Council. Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Proposed** MTC join with the other Town & Parish councils within Kirklees and ask for support from Kirklees Cllr Pinder **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
3. To receive an updated summary of agreed Motions 2017 (circulated by email) and discuss and agree any action necessary – Clerk reports that some of the items have been updated. Cllr Guy **Proposed** the nominee Cllrs address their actions and bring an update to the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting in March Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Seconded Vote: All in favour**  
Cllr Benson apologised to Cllrs especially Cllr Hirst for his conduct at the previous meeting.
4. To discuss 2018 Ambassador Awards presentation and agree a course of action – Before the discussion the Clerk reads out an email received from Cllr Blakeley in which he tenders his resignation as Mayor/Chair of MTC. 8.45pm Cllr Ibberson **Proposed** a 5-minute recess Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Seconded Vote: All in favour**. 8.50pm Cllr Ibberson **Proposed** to reinstate the meeting Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Seconded Vote: All in favour**  
Cllr Ibberson reports a conversation with Cllr Blakeley stating his wish to resign as Mayor/Chair but remain as a town councillor. Cllrs discuss the

resignation. Clerk confirms that the resignation commenced on the receipt of the email to the proper officer 21/2/18. Cllr Pinder **Proposed** MTC writes to Cllr Blakeley stating it is with regret that MTC accepts the resignation as Mayor/Chair of MTC, thanks Cllr Blakeley for his role within the council and community and wish him luck for the future Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Proposed** that the Ambassador Awards for 2018 are presented at a "Celebration of Mirfield Volunteering Network" for this year and bless the volunteers in a short church service, rather than hold a Civic Service, with a reception held at St Mary's Community Centre afterwards Cllr Guy **Seconded Vote: All in favour**. Cllr Lees-Hamilton stated that this could be included in MTC events in future years and encouraged attendance from all Cllrs who did not have weekend commitments.

**MTC221/2017** **Correspondence**

To receive the following new items of correspondence and decide any action where necessary.

1. YLCA NALC Chief Executive Bulletin – **Noted**
2. Friends of Mirfield Library Painting Party – **Noted**
3. Friends of Mirfield Library Consultation Flyer – **Noted**
4. DEFRA Consultation Tackle Crime – **Noted**
5. NKCCG Engagement Invite – **Noted**

**MTC222/2017** **Matters for Report and Information**

Members wishing to raise items under this heading should consult the Chairman prior to the meeting.

**None**

**MTC223/2017** **The Date Of The Next Town Council Meeting:**

Date of next meeting **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

Time Meeting Closed.....**9.05pm**.....